



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **SHIGEMATSU, Hisao et al.**

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Examiner: **BROCK II, Paul E.**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4590

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED JULY 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 11, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **July 22, 2003**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species I (FIG. 1). Claims 13, 15, 17, 20, 21 and 25 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 13, 15, 17, 20, 21 and 25 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Respectfully submitted,

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